



# Program Schedule

## Memorial Day Weekend 2012

### Roan Mountain State Park



#### Wednesday, May 23

11:00 AM **Cloudland Community Dulcimer Circle-** Try your hand at playing a dulcimer. Opens with beginner instruction. Meet at Conference Center.

#### Thursday, May 24

9:00 AM **Raven Rock Hike-** Meet Brian at the Campground Check-in for a morning hike up to the scenic Raven Rock overlook, while learning about some of Roan Mountain's native plants. Don't forget your hiking boots/shoes for this moderate 1 mile hike.

1:00 PM **Creek Walk-** Come cool off in the Doe River as we learn about stream ecology and discover some aquatic life forms in their natural habitat. You may be surprised at what we find! Wear closed toed shoes and be prepared to get in the water. Meet Brian at Campground Check-In.

4:00 PM **Trail Safety: Poison Ivy-** If you like to play outdoors, YOU NEED TO COME TO THIS PROGRAM! Don't wait and find out the hard way just what this plant looks like and what it can do to your skin! Come learn how to properly identify this pesky plant, as well as tips for avoiding and treating an itchy outbreak. Meet Meg at Campground Check-In.

6:00 PM **Blue 2 Evening Hike-** Work up an appetite for supper by hiking this beautiful and peaceful trail while learning about some of the local flora. Please wear sturdy shoes for this moderate 2-mile hike. Meet Meg at Blue 2 Trailhead (Shelter 2 entrance).

#### Friday, May 25

8:00 AM **Morning Yoga-** Awaken your senses and enjoy nature! We'll prepare our minds and bodies for the day with some gentle stretches and relaxation exercises, while taking the time to contemplate the beauty of Roan Mountain State Park. Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing and bring a mat or towel. Great for beginners! Meet Meg at the Park Amphitheater.

9:00 AM **RipN'Lip: Doe River Angling-** Come out and learn about some native fish in the Doe River, and what you can do to help ensure that they remain for generations to come. Then try your luck at catching a Doe River trout. Catch and Release! Meet Brian at the Visitor's Center. Remember, Participants who are 13 and older are required to have a Tennessee fishing license and trout stamp.

11:00 AM **Corn Husk Dolls-** Connect with the ways of the past as we learn about the heritage of this old-time craft. Then make your own doll-- just like those of the early settlers and Native Americans of Roan Mountain! Meet Meg at Shelter 3 (Campground Pavilion).

2:00 PM **Land Navigation: Map and Compass-** A map and compass have long been used to help people find their way. Meet Brian at Shelter 3 to learn how to use some tools that could someday help save your life.

5:00 PM **Tom Gray Evening Hike-** Come along on a leisurely half mile hike on the Tom Gray trail as it meanders alongside the serene Doe River, while learning some interesting facts about the flora and fauna of Roan Mountain.

7:00 PM

**The Blairs-** This family gospel group will lift your spirits as they perform songs of joy and praise. Free to the public, donations accepted. Meet Meg at Park Amphitheater (Shelter 3 in case of bad weather).

**Saturday, May 26**

8:30 AM – 2:00 PM **DIAMOND JUBILEE!!-** Come commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tennessee State Parks with our all-day celebration at the Miller Farmstead! Event schedule as follows:

- ❖ 9:00 AM Diamond Dash Trail Run Starts
- ❖ 10:00 AM Homecoming Welcome of former/retired Park employees
- ❖ 10:45 AM Tellin' on the Porch: Stories from the Park's past
- ❖ 11:00 AM Cake Walk- Bring a decorated cake to mark the occasion. Prizes awarded! Cake and Ice Cream Party will follow the judging.
- ❖ ALL DAY- Continuous Historic Slide Show
- ❖ ALL DAY- Continuous Legacy Project Display

12:00 PM

**James Garland-** Hear some delightful tales and learn about days of old from this talented storyteller. At the Miller Farmstead until 2 PM.

3:00 PM

**Slithering Snakes-** Meet and greet some of the park's resident reptiles, and learn the truth about these often misunderstood creatures. Meet Brian at the Visitors' Center.

4:30 PM

**Plant Bullies: Exotic and Invasive-** Come have fun while learning about some pesky plants that are threatening Roan Mountain's delicate ecosystem. Meet Brian at Shelter 3.

8:00 PM

**Fire Starting-** Sometimes, campfires aren't just for fun... they're downright essential, and may even save your life! Come learn several different techniques to start a fire and keep it going. Meet Meg at the Campground Fire Ring

9:00 PM

**Campground Campfire-** Relax around the fire with riddles, stories, and s'mores! Meet Meg at the Campground Fire Ring.

**\*\*\* General Announcements\*\*\***

- Programs are free of charge.
- Programs are for all ages unless otherwise noted.
- For all hikes: Please wear sturdy, closed-toe walking shoes and bring drinking water.
- In case of inclement weather, live music/entertainment will be held at Shelter 3.

**Enjoy yourselves at Roan Mountain State Park this summer!**

